

The Life of Christ

Course 2

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life...." John 14:6

Lesson 10



Jesus Christ Our LIFE

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Dear Friend,

For three and a half wonderful years the Lord Jesus had walked and talked with His disciples. As He neared the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus spoke to them of His death, His resurrection, and His going back to the Father. Would this mean that they would be left alone? No, not at all. Jesus said,

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18

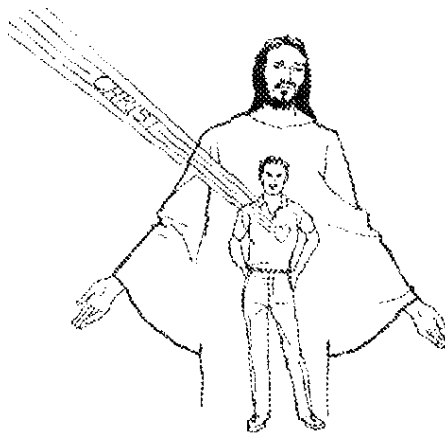
What was Jesus saying to His disciples? He was saying, "I am going away, but I am coming back in a new and different way. I am coming back in the person of the Holy Spirit. I am coming to live in you. Just as the Father lives in Me, I am coming to live in you." The Lord Jesus said,

"At that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. John 14:20

From our Lord's words, "You in Me, and I in you," we learn that there are two aspects of our new relationship with Christ. These can be expressed in two simple statements:

1. The believer is IN CHRIST.
2. Christ is in the believer.

Let us consider these two aspects of our new relationship with Christ.



The believer is IN CHRIST and
Christ is in the believer

•THE BELIEVER IS IN CHRIST

God has put us IN CHRIST. This is God's fact, and it is true of every believer. The Bible says,

"Of Him (God) are you IN CHRIST JESUS" 1 Corinthians 1:30

There are no more words in the entire Bible more precious than these two words - "In Christ." But what does it mean to be IN CHRIST?

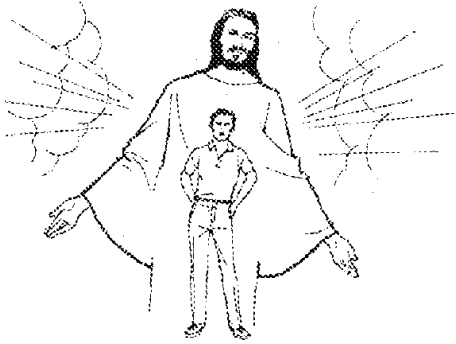
To be IN CHRIST means to be in union with Him. When we are born again, we become one with the Lord. The Bible says,

"He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit [one with Him]." 1 Corinthians 6:17

Because we are one with Christ, we share in all that He is and all that He has done for us. Because we are IN CHRIST, we are the object of God's pleasure and delight. Just as God loves His Son and delights in

Him, so He loves us and delights in us because we are in Him. The Bible says,

"... as He is, so are we in this world." I John 4:17



The believer is IN CHRIST.

Let us think of a young girl who was born into a very poor family. She is a lovely girl but her future is not very bright because her family is so poor. But one day a wealthy prince sees her and is at love with her and asks her to be his bride.

At the moment these two are joined in marriage, this young girl is not longer poor. She is joined in marriage to a wealthy prince and she now shares in all that he is and all that he has.

Because we are joined to Christ, we share in all that He is and all that He has done for us.

How can we be sure that we are IN CHRIST? We can be sure because the Bible declares that it is so. It was God who put us IN CHRIST and it is God who tells us that He has done this. The Bible says,

"He which establishes us with you IN CHRIST... is God" 2 Corinthians 1:21

Our being IN CHRIST - in union with Him - is not something we have done. It is something God has done for us. Our part is to see it, believe it, and rejoice in it.

•CHRIST IS IN THE BELIEVER

Because we are IN CHRIST - in union with Him - we have a perfect standing before God, but what about our life here on earth?

We want to live a life that is pleasing to God, but, in ourselves, we are unable to do it. We want to do what is right and good, but it seems that the more we struggle to live right, the more we fail. The Apostle Paul had this same problem. He wrote,

"For the good that I would [do] I do not; but the evil which I would not [do], that I do." Romans 7:19

No matter how hard Paul tried, he could not live the way he wanted to.. Paul said,

"For to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." Romans 7:18

Christians down through the ages have had the same experience that Paul had. We want to do what is right and good, but we are unable to do it.

How does God solve this problem? He solves this problem by giving Christ to live in us. The Bible says,

"Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts" Galatians 4:6



Christ is in the believer.

We know that Christ is living in us because of God's clear statements that the living Christ is dwelling in us.

In Galatians 2:20, Paul said,

"I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me."

In Colossians 1:27, Paul says,

"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Again and again in His Word, God seeks to impress on us the great truth that the living Christ is dwelling in every one of His children. In 2 Corinthians 13:5, Paul wrote,

"Know you not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you?"

In Ephesians 3:17, Paul prayed for the believers,

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith."

Sometimes a Christian will look for some special feeling or emotion before He will believe that Christ is living in his heart. But God plainly tells us that Christ lives in the heart of every child of His. What God says in His Word is true regardless of our feelings.

Accept God's clear statements that the living Christ is living in you. Believe it to be true because God says that it is true. Believe it to be true regardless of your feelings because it is true.

•CHRIST IS ALL THAT WE NEED

In our last lesson we learned that Jesus Christ is the great "I AM."

Christ is the answer to our every need. He is our righteousness, our love, our joy, our power, our wisdom, our holiness, our victory, our

do this, God forgives us, and we are once again abiding in Christ.

•WE LIVE BY CHRIST

The Lord Jesus said, "I live by the Father." What was Jesus saying here? He was saying, "The Father lives in Me, and I live by him. I recognize His presence in Me, I obey Him always, I draw upon Him for all that I need."

Just as Christ lived by the Father who dwelled in Him, so we are to live by Christ who dwells in us. The Bible says that Christ is "our life."

When the Apostle Paul realized that Christ was his life, he no longer had to say,

"How to perform that which is good, I find not." Instead he said triumphantly, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

Begin now to do these three things

① **Recognize Christ's presence in you.** Say to yourself, "Christ lives

in me! Christ lives in me!" Christ does live in you. Believe that He is there and begin to act accordingly, and God will make it real to you.

A little girl once said that she had learned the secret of overcoming temptation. She said, "When the devil knocks at the door of my heart, I just say, 'Lord Jesus, will you please answer the door.' When the devil see Jesus, he bows down and says, 'I see that I have come to the wrong place,' and he leaves."

What was this little girl doing? She was simply recognizing Christ's presence in her heart, and she was trusting Him to be her victory over temptation. This is just what we must do.

② **Obey Him at all times.** We cannot enjoy this wonderful indwelling Christ if He is not loved, honored and obeyed. We must be ready always to say, "Lord Jesus, I will please You, even though it may mean displeasing everyone else."

③ **Draw upon Him for all your needs.** Whatever you need, take Christ as that thing. Remember, He is the great "I AM." Take Him as your

victory - let Him overcome temptation for you. He will not fail you.

Abiding in Christ is simply giving oneself to the Lord Jesus, the great I AM, trusting Him to keep us and letting Him do all for us.

As we abide in Christ, He makes Himself real to us. He becomes the great "I AM" to us. Whatever we need, He becomes that very thing to us.

Day by day, as we learn to abide in Christ and to trust Him to be everything we need, we are being changed. The Bible says that we are being "conformed to the image of God's Son."

This means that we are becoming more and more like Jesus.

One day, we shall see Jesus face to face, and we shall be like Him in every way.



Discovered Gem

The Christian life is Christ living His life in me.

QUIET TIME HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK - 10

There is a Bible passage listed for each day. Read it carefully. Write out the verse(s) that impress you most. Then write down in your own words what it is in the verse(s) that impresses you. Perhaps you have a personal need that the Lord answers for you in the Scripture. Or perhaps He shows you something about Himself that you have not known before. This is YOUR Personal Quiet Time with the Lord, so keep it personal.

 **MONDAY** **Read: John 16:17-24**

Verse(s) that impressed me most: _____

This is what impresses me about the verse(s): _____

 **TUESDAY** **Read: John 16:25-33**

Verses(s) that impressed me most: _____

This is what impresses me about the verses(s) _____

 **WEDNESDAY** **Read: John 17:1-19**

Verse(s) that impressed me most: _____

This is what impresses me about the verse(s): _____

 **THURSDAY** **Read: John 17:20-26**

Verse(s) that impressed me most: _____

This is what impresses me about the verse(s): _____

 **FRIDAY** **Read : John 18:1-18**


Verse(s) that impressed me most: _____

This is what impressed me about the verse(s) _____

 **SATURDAY** **Read: John 18:19-27**

Verse(s) that impressed me most: _____

This is what impresses me about the verse(s): _____

 **SUNDAY** **Read: John 18:28-40**

Verse(s) that impressed me most: _____

This is what impresses me about the verse(s): _____

QUESTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Turn to the Questions page as you finish each lesson. Fill in the answers for that lesson before going on to the next lesson.
2. When you have studied the lessons and have completed both Question Pages, carefully detach these question pages. Fold them carefully for mailing with a First Class stamp on the envelope. Or go on the web to www.ednetusa.com and email us your exam.

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Send in your ANSWER SHEETS ONLY!

Save your lessons for future reference.

QUESTIONS

1. After the Lord Jesus went back to Heaven, He came back to His disciples

- (a) only in their thoughts.
- (b) in a body just like He had before He died.
- (c) in the person of the Holy Spirit to live in them.

2. The two aspects of our new relationship with Christ

- (a) the believer is IN CHRIST and Christ is in the believer.
- (b) the believer is like Christ and Christ is like the believer.
- (c) the believer is with Christ and Christ is with the believer.

3. Our being IN CHRIST is

- (a) something we have done.
- (b) something God has done.
- (c) something we must work to achieve.

4. We can be sure that we are IN CHRIST because

- (a) we feel that we are.
- (b) we have had a wonderful experience
- (c) the Bible declares that it is so.

5. We know that Christ lives in us because

- (a) of God's clear statements that the living Christ is living in us.
- (b) we have a tingling feeling inside.
- (c) we attend church and pray to God.

6. We experience all the things that Christ is

- (a) when we try our best to be like some good Christian that we know.

- (b) only when we are in church.
- (c) as we abide in Him.

7. To "abide" in Christ means

- (a) to remain in unbroken fellowship with Him.
- (b) to try to get IN CHRIST.
- (c) to be very religious.

8. Our abiding in Christ is broken when

- (a) we sin.
- (b) we lose our salvation.
- (c) big problems come up.

9. When we sin, God wants us

- (a) to feel bad about it for a long time before coming to Him.
- (b) to wait a while before confessing our sins to Him.
- (c) to confess our sin to Him immediately.

10. We abide in Christ by

- (a) doing nothing but thinking about Him constantly.
- (b) recognizing His presence in us, obeying Him, and drawing on Him for all our needs.
- (c) trying to be as good as we possibly can be.

What is the most important thing you have learned in this lesson?

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